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TRADE RELATIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries having trade relations with India at present;

(b) the details of import and export made with each of the countries alongwith their value year-wise, commodity-wise during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to strengthen the trade relations with various countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): India has export and import trade with about 200 countries. The trade details are as follows:

(In US $ Billion)

Year	Export	Import
2002-2003	52.72	61.41
2003-2004	63.84	78.15
2004-2005	79.25	107.07

India exported a variety of commodity basket consisting of Engineering goods, Gems & Jewellery, Chemical and related products, Textiles, etc. and imported Cereals, Pearls, Precious and semi-precious Stones, Electronic goods and Gold and Silver, etc. The names of the countries, values of import/export year-wise, commodity-wise are given in the publication `Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol.II (Imports)` and `Monthly statistics of Foreign Trade of India Vol.I (Exports)` of 2003, 2004 and 2005 published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c): Strengthening of the trade relations with countries and groups of countries is a continuous and ongoing process. Efforts are regularly being made to expand and diversify trade through various activities such as trade market research, information dissemination, buyer-seller meets, participation in important trade fairs, meeting of the Joint Commissions/Councils to help identify potential areas/sectors for promoting trade.